REVENUE IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Seventy-Seventh Oregon Legislative Assembly 2013 Regular Session Legislative Revenue Office Bill Number: SB 40 - A
Revenue Area: Court fines
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Measure Description:

Reduces unlawful manufacture of marijuana to Class B felony.

Revenue Impact:

The change in the fine for possessing less than 4 ounces of marijuana will result in a reduction of about \$1.24 million a year, or \$2.5 million a biennium.

Impact Explanation:

This measure amends ORS 475.864, relating to marijuana possession. It separates out marijuana and hashish offenses and delineates varying penalties based on weight. Under current law possession of marijuana is a Class B felony, except for possession if the amount possessed is less than one avoirdupois ounce. Currently, under ORS 475.864(3) possession of less than one ounce of marijuana is an unclassified violation with a presumptive fine of \$650. The amended measure would create three levels of marijuana possession and two levels of hashish possession. The impact would occur from the reclassification of the less than an ounce possess of Marijuana from an unclassified violation with a \$650 presumptive fine to a B Violation with a \$260 presumptive fine.

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